

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



August 20, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds and open yourself to the quiet stillness of the presence of God!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: God has forgiven us and drawn us close.

All: God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

One: Christ has lavished upon us the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

All: With joyful hearts we praise our Lord!

One: This house shall be a house of prayer and praise.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn #65 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us, that our lives may testify to your abounding grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

Promise of God’s Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #581)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts, & Selves to God - Offertory

Congregational Response (Hymn #606)

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children – Junior Sermon

Patsy Johnson

Children ages 3 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the Anthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.

Scripture

1st Reading: John 14:1-4

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2nd Reading: Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

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Sermon

"Facing Calamity"

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #625 – "O Lord My God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given to him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work. Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Book of Order]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #620 – "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	20	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering	27
M		21		28
T		22		29
W	7p Choir practice	23	7p Choir practice	30
T	2p Newsletter out 2-8p Church cleaning 5:30 p (T) GS Tr 5000, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	24	2p Committee reports due 2-8p Church cleaning 5p Preschool Orientation for parents, Fellowship Hall	31
F	6:30p Session work shop (Hunters')	25	SEP. Gatekeeper: C. Smyth	1
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(T) = This requested use is waiting for approval.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017
USHERS	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Pat hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Marguerite Bishop	Lisa Brown
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 7/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$83,762.54	8/6	\$3,200.05
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$78,076.62	8/13	\$2,067.25
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 5,685.92	8/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			8/27	\$

ATTENDANCE: August 13, 2017

Worship: 59	Sunday School: 11	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 6	Children:
	Fellowship: 5	Youth:

Adult Sunday School Classes meet as a combined group in July & August.

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, and her brother, Martin (health issues)
Becky Smith
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Helen & Grace Cibula
Elizabeth Scott
Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
Jimmy Clark
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
Peggy Allen
Eleanor Jones
Vivian Johnes (improved, at-home rehab)
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)
Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)
Ralph Summerson
George Poulson
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)
Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff
T. J. Webb
Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)
Gene Vasek (health issue)
Ron Woody (health issues)
Gladys Wiseman (home)
Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (recov. after surgery)
Sandy Eickmeyer (recov., home)
Perry Lewis
Roger Overstreet (continued health concerns)
Eddie Frankenstein, ret. PGPD Chief (health issues)
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)
Charles Story
Shirley MacNeil (health issues)
Marquita Simpson (ICU, JRMCC)
Ed Armstrong (Hopewell Health Center)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health concerns)
Marguerite Bishop (broken foot)
Susan Walker & Kyle Walker (for safe travels)

***Blessing**

One: We have been blessed!

All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.

One: We have been blessed!

All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.

One: We have been blessed!

All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!

***Pastoral Benediction**

***Choral Benediction & Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Work Shop on Friday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Hunters'.

Choir has returned to its regular practice schedule, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpcva
804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing (Jason@gregorymemorial.org)
Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)
Organist: Sandra Perkins Accompanist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017)
Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); Marquita Simpson (2018)
Sandy Hunter (2019), Patsy Johnson (2019); (2019) Charles Smyth (2019)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019)